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1. The vehicles in my battalion were very poorly maintained and the mechanics were not properly trained. [ ] sending a Ford truck (Canadian) to the repair shop at Plzen /4945N-1322E/ late in the Autumn of 1951. The truck was not returned until April 1952. Parts were either hard to get or were non-existent. Directional lights (Smerovky) on the Canadian Fords were poorly made. The hydraulic oil was of a very poor grade and had to be changed every six months. Under normal circumstances it did not have to be changed oftener than once a year.
2. [ ] battalion did not have any repair shops and all work had to be done in the open. First echelon maintenance was performed by assigned drivers. A field day on motor vehicles was scheduled every 10 days and all personnel had to participate in the cleaning, polishing and general maintenance of the vehicles. Inspections were made by officers. About 50% of all the vehicles [ ] were placed on blocks. These were the so-called combat ready vehicles which were to be utilized only in time of war and during maneuvers. Once a month these vehicles were taken out on a test run; at the same time they had their oil changed. The only way these vehicles could be taken off the blocks, other than when on maneuvers or in war, was by a direct order from the MNU (Ministry of National Defense). The remaining 50% of the vehicles were utilized for everyday battalion functions. The strict gasoline rationing was enforced in the 38 Mecz Regt and individual vehicles were not permitted to be driven over 250 km. per month. [ ] no further information on supply and maintenance.

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3. Podborany /5014N-1325E/ was the chief supply depot for the 5th Mecz Div. When furnishing a guard complement of four officers and 37 EM in December 1951, to guard the supply installations for a period of two months, [ ] a large ammunition dump was also located there. A large supply depot was located in Rakovnik /5006N-1345E/; [ ] the place was guarded by a battalion of special security guard troops. [ ] send some guards to Jilove /5046N-1407E/ which [ ] was another supply point for the 5th Mecz Div. [ ] don't know the types of supplies stored there. [ ] Podborany, Rakovnik and Jilove were all 5th Div supply depots. [ ] no further information. [ ] received [ ] supplies from the 30th Mecz Regt supply depot located in Beroun /4957N-1404E/. The regimental ammunition supply depot was located on the outskirts of Beroun.

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